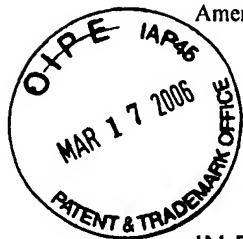


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2005, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a new Abstract, annotated drawing figures and replacement sheets are attached following page 15 of this paper.